

BMC Specialist Committee: 2018 Report and 2019 Forward Plans

Committee name	Child Safeguarding Group		
No. of meetings in 2017	5	Average attendance	6

Changes required to Terms of Reference & Membership

- Add Tom Vaessen (Association of British Climbing Walls [ABC] rep) to list of members
- Add Zoe Spriggins (BMC Competitions Programme Manager) to list of members
- Add James McHaffie (BMC Youth & Equity Officer) to list of paper members
- Add Lucinda Whittaker (BMC Talent Development Coordinator) to list of paper members

Summary of key achievements & outputs (2018)

- Audit of BMC's work on Child Safeguarding undertaken by NSPCC / CPSU. We received a Green RAG rating for this work in 2018.
- Updated BMC Child Safeguarding Implementation Plan for 2019.
- Dealing with safeguarding issues and incidents.
In 2018 we have dealt with an issue involving a young person (under 18); and three issues involving complaints from adults about other adults. Additionally, we have been involved in issues that arose out of appeals against Development Squad selection at the end of 2017. Lessons learnt from this were that policies and procedures, especially selection policies and procedures, have to be absolutely clear and unambiguous.
- Developed and circulated separate surveys to parents and young people for their views on a range of topics around selection, Development Squad and trips to international events.
- Consultation with the GB Junior Climbing Team and Squad and their parents about child safeguarding issues, travel and safety at international events, and the use of social networking websites and communicating with young people.
- Provided guidance to junior Squad management and the Competitions Committee about Safeguarding in relation to maintaining Health and physical well-being.
- 4 Child Safeguarding training events delivered, including a new Safe Caring course.
- Update training & evaluations for staff & volunteers on BMC Safeguarding Policy.
- Advice and support to clubs on child safeguarding issues and involving children in club events and also on transporting children. Also, informing BMC clubs of the new Child safeguarding insurance reporting requirements and arrange training as necessary.
- Area Youth Coordinator training.
- Chaperone training – at Ratho and Manchester.
- Safeguarding training as part of Coaching Award.
- Developed, and sent out and analysed a Safeguarding Questionnaire / Survey to find out how aware people are of BMC Safeguarding policy and procedures.
- Rolled out and circulated a young person's safeguarding leaflet.
- Rolled out use of Banners and publicity material about the importance of Thinking before posting items on Social Media.
- Started to work on a draft Safeguarding Adults Policy (ie Vulnerable adults/ Adults at risk using as a model template policies only recently produced by Sport England.

Was there anything you hoped to achieve in 2018, but didn't / couldn't? If so, why not?

- We had hoped to finalise development of an Adult Safeguarding policy, as a separate document from the Child Safeguarding policy, but were awaiting training and further material before completing this. It is now hoped to conclude this work in 2019.

Summary of key projects for 2019

- Review information from young people's questionnaire / survey to develop appropriate training and training plan.
- Review joint Coaches Code of Conduct.
- Finalise and Implement an Adult Safeguarding Policy.
- Monitor Competition procedures re safeguarding issues.
- Review Chaperone Guidelines and junior Team contracts.
- Chaperone training.
- Continue to consult with GB Junior Climbing Team and Squad re travel and safety at international events.
- Annual audit of BMC Child Safeguarding processes by NSPCC / CPSU.
- Update of BMC Child Safeguarding Implementation Plan for 2019.
- Advice and support to clubs on child safeguarding issues and involving children in club events and also on transporting children.
- Work with the GB Junior Development Squad and their parents about child safeguarding issues, the use of social networking websites and communicating with young people as well as reviewing safeguarding literature and photography issues.
- Provide guidance to junior Squad management and the Competitions Committee about Safeguarding in relation to maintaining Health and physical well-being.
- Signpost where to obtain advice & support to children with additional vulnerabilities.
- Develop our work with climbing walls, ABC & ABCTT.
- Keep BMC Clubs informed of the new Child safeguarding insurance reporting requirements and arrange training as necessary.
- Advise and support the Association of British Climbing Walls (ABC) on child safeguarding issues.

Update on UIAA / IFSC representatives (if applicable)

- Not applicable.

Additional comments

- None.

Completed by	Nick Colton and Christine Scarborough (Chair)
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